

♦ a "macromonomer" of a special structure (= allyl alkyl ether) (Fock page 3, line 10 ff).

According to Fock the special allyl alkyl ether is critical to the surprising properties of the copolymers (page 4, line 31). That means that polymers containing only the two components acrylic acid and a non ionized vinyl monomer -without the allyl alkyl ether- do not achieve the good results. Therefore, a person skilled in the art would have had no motivation to omit the allyl alkyl ether and make a polymer of only two components (acrylic acid and a vinyl alkyl ether).

It is urged that the application is now in condition to be allowed. Favorable action is solicited.

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